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1. INDOCHINA

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MOST PAPERS HEADLINE THIEU'S MONDAY RESIGNATION, DENUNCIATION
OF US AS "UNTRUSTWORTHY," ATTACK ON SECSTATE FOR DELIVERING
S VIETS TO "DISASTROUS FATE." WP, NYT CARRY UPI EXCERPTS
FROM RESIGNATION ADDRESS IN WHICH THIEU STATED WAS PRESSURED

BY US TO SIGN C-F. WP'S GREENWAY CITES THIEU HOPE RESIGNATION WILL FAVORABLY INFLUENCE OUTCOME OF CONGRESS DEBATE OVER MORE SVN AID. PHINQ SEES AIM TO SOFTEN GVN DEFEAT. SUN'S ISAACS IN SAIGON DESCRIBES THIEU, IN TEARS, TURNING OVER GOVT TO VP TRAN VAN HUONG. NYDN NOTES THIEU LEFT TO PAVE WAY FOR NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT, BUT VC WANTS MORE CHANGES, AND SPECULATION IS HUONG AND CABINET WILL RESIGN, TURN GVN OVER TO SENATE PRES TRAN VAN LAM. UPI SAIGON DOUBTS COMMUNISTS WOULD TRY NEGOTIATE C-F, QUOTES MIL ANALYSTS THAT GVN BATTLEFIELD POSITION APPEARS HOPELESS (CHITRIB).

NYT'S BROWNE IN SAIGON GIVES BACKGROUND ON THIEU RESIGNATION, POINTS OUT DEPARTING PRES HELD OUT LITTLE HOPE HIS STEPPING-DOWN WOULD BRING BETTER TIMES.

LIPPMAN (WP) DOES BACKGROUNDER ON THIEU, CONCLUDES US WAS MAIN FACTOR IN HIS PRESIDENCY (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE). UPI WONDERS IF THIEU WAS GREAT LEADER OR US PUPPET (CHITRIB). CSM'S SOUTHERLAND IN SAIGON REPORTS THIEU'S EXIT SPARKS SOME HOPES FOR PEACE AT TIME OF DESPERATE MIL SITUATION. ISAACS REVIEWS THIEU'S PRESIDENCY, CONCLUDES HE COULD MAKE WAR BUT NOT PEACE (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE). NYT'S BUTTERFIELD DOES THIEU BIO, NOTES HIS REPUTATION AS EXCEEDINGLY CAUTIOUS MAN WHO MADE MOVE ONLY AT LAST MINUTE. CDN'S GREEN RECOUNTS RECENT HISTORY OF SVN, SAYS THIEU AMASSED POWER BUT LOST NATION (GLOBE). WP'S MCCOMBS AT SAIGON POINTS OUT AT END, THIEU HAD LITTLE SUPPORT LEFT (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE). AP NOTES THIEU'S REMOVAL AS OBSTACLE TO NEGOTIATED PEACE; QUOTES SOME US OFFICIALS MAY HAVE COME TOO LATE (CHITRIB).

STORIN (GLOBE) IN SAIGON AGREES THIEU MAY HAVE WAITED TOO LONG TO RESIGN, DESCRIBES UNFAVORABLE MIL SITUATION. WSJ'S KEATLEY BELIEVES GVN TOOK MAJOR STEP TOWARD OWN INEXORABLE DEMISE AND END OF 30 YEARS OF INDOCHINA WARS WITH THIEU RESIGNATION; SAYS MANY SEE SCANT HOPES OF TALKS WITH HANOI. UNCLASSIFIED

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BELIEVES THIEU LEAVING TOO LATE. PHINQ'S MCCARTNEY SEES TWO CRUCIAL QUESTIONS: WHETHER THIEU RESIGNED IN TIME TO HEAD OFF COMMUNIST MIL ASSAULT ON SAIGON, AND WHETHER TOO LATE TO SAVE LIVES OF REMAINING AMCITS, TENS OF THOUSANDS OF S VIETS WHO COOPERATED WITH US. CSM'S SCHMIDT SAYS THIEU RESIGNATION WAS US PRESCRIPTION FOR SURRENDER, AVOIDANCE OF BOLOODBATH, AND ORDERLY EVACUATION OF AMERICANS AND VIETS. TAKES LOOK AT WHAT MAY COME AFTER POWER SHIFT (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE). CHITRIB NOTES THIEU DEPARTURE HELPED STOCKS IN US RESUME RISE.

MOST PAPERS NOTE TRAN VAN HUONG AGING, AILING. NYT CARRIES HUONG BACKGROUNDER. LIPPMAN NOTES HUONG'S

REPUTATION AS HONEST MAN, GIVES BIO SKETCH.

NVN OFFICIALS SAY THIEU RESIGNATION DOESN'T CHANGE THINGS FUNDAMENTALLY, CONTINUED FIGHTING SEEMS INEVITABLE SINCE "SAME GENERALS REMAINED IN POWER" (AFP, NYT). SUN'S LEWTHWAITE AT PARIS SAYS VC ADOPT "WAIT AND SEE" ATTITUDE ABOUT NEGOTIATING WITH HUONG. PRG RADIO IN SAIGON BRANDS THIEU RESIGNATION "NEW POLITICAL PLOT." THAI OFFICIALS BELIEVE RESIGNATION BODES ILL FOR THAILAND; MFA SPOKESMAN GIVES SVN 10-30 DAYS TO GO WAY OF GKR (WP). NYDN'S CARTER/WIEGHART SEE FAST US EVACUATION, SVN SURRENDER NEXT. GREENE (NYDN) WONDERES WHAT'S TO NEGOTIATE WHEN YOU'VE WON WAR; BELIEVES REST OF WORLD WILL HAVE TO WAIT LONG TIME TO LEARN WHAT

HAPPENED AFTER COMMUNISTS TOOK OVER. NYT'S GELB QUOTES ADMIN SOURCES THAT PRES ORDERED "HANDS OFF" POLICY TOWARD GVN 2-3 WKS AGO THAT "MUST HAVE BEEN INTERPRETED" BY HIGH SVN OFFICIALS AS CHANGE OF POLICY (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

WP'S MARDER QUOTES PRES ON CBS/TV MONDAY THAT US EXPLORING NEGOTIATING OPPORTUNITIES TO SEEK C-F IN VN TO EVACUATE REMAINING AMCITS AND THOUSANDS VIET EMPLOYEES. SHABECOFF (NYT) FOUND PRES PESSIMISTIC ON BIG EVACUATION FROM SVN.

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CSM'S SPERLING/HEY BELIEVE CONGRESS STILL LIKELY VOTE SVN HUMANITARIAN, NOT MIL, AID. CHITRIB NOTES CONGRESS MULLS AID QUESTION IN WAKE OF THIEU RESIGNATION. NYDN'S VOLZ REPORTS SENATE IN NON-BINDING RESOLUTION CALLS ON PRES SEEK SVN POLITICAL SETTLEMENT. WP'S RICH/LYONS AND PHINQ STATE HAC VOTED 330 MILLION DOLS FOR SVN AID -- HALF MIL, REST HUMANITARIAN.

DOS SPOKESMAN SAYS THIEU REQUEST FOR ASYLUM IN US WOULD BE CONSIDERED WITH SYMPATHY, BUT QUESTION HAS NOT ARISEN (UPI, WP; NYDN).

HAK TRIP TO LATIN AMERICA POSTPONED BECAUSE OF SVN SITUATION RAPID DETERIORATION (NYT; WP; GLOBE; NYDN). SUN'S PEPPER QUOTES SECSTATE IN APPEARANCE BEFORE HAC THAT US ACTIVELY SEEKS NEGOTIATED END TO VN WAR. NYT'S FINNEY QUOTES DOD OFFICIALS THAT SVN SITUATION DETERIORATING SO RAPIDLY, US MUST PLAN ON IMMEDIATE EVACUATION ALL AMCITS; BUT THAT OTHER OFFICIALS SAY SECSTATE OPPOSES COMPLETE EVACUATION SINCE MIGHT CAUSE PANIC (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE). NYT'S LEWIS IN PARIS NOTES GOF APPEALED URGENTLY FOR QUICK RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS TO CARRY OUT 1973 C-F.

GLOBE'S THOMSON (4/20) FINDS INDOCHINA ANGUISH OF 2 DECADES COMING TO END. ISAACS (4/20) OBSERVES COUNTDOWN ON GVN FATE UNDERWAY AS THINGS GET WORSE RAPIDLY. NYT'S MIDDLETON OPINES SAIGON'S DEFENSE SEEMS TO FADE WITH XUAN LOC ISOLATED, BIEN HOA AB NEUTRALIZED (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE). XUAN LOC AND HAM TAN HEAVILY SHELLED (NYT), APPEAR ON VERGE OF COMMUNIST CAPTURE (WP). BATTLELINES PUSHED TO WITHIN 26 MILES SAIGON (CHITRIB). UPI REPORTS XUAN LOC, HAM TAN OVERRUN BY COMMUNISTS, WITH SVN FORCES PULLING BACK TO DEFENSE LINE NEAR LONG BINH, BIEN HOA (NYDN).

AUSSIE GOVT CLOSES EMBASSY AT SAIGON, ADVISES NATIONALS LEAVE IMMEDIATELY. LAOTIAN EMBASSY ALSO CLOSING, SENDS STAFF HOME (WP). US OFFICIALS IMPOSE NEWS BLACKOUT ON CLARK AB WHERE HUNDREDS OF VIET RELATIVES OF US PERSONNEL BELIEVED STRANDED (CSM). EVACUATION FROM SAIGON SPEEDS UNCLASSIFIED

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UP, WITH OVER 1000 AMCITS, VIETS LEAVING IN PAST DAY (UPI, NYDN; AP, SUN; PHINQ). NYT'S ANDELMAN AT CLARK NOTES STEPPED-UP AIRLIFT, ESTIMATES 1500 ARRIVED IN PAST DAY; BELIEVES CLEAR THAT AS NUMBER OF AMCITS DWINDLES AND CAPACITY INCREASES, EXTRA SPACES USED BRING OUT VIETS WHO HAD CLOSE CONTACTS WITH USG. WP'S GETLER REPORTS MEN, PLANES BEING RUSHED TO AID EVACUATION. WP'S OBERDORFER AT CLARK SEES EVACUATION GROWING TO FLOOD AS FRIENDS, RELATIVES IN US PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO VIETS WHO GET OUT. REUTER AGANA REPORTS FLYING TIGER FLEW VIET EMPLOYEES OUT DIRECTLY TO GUAM WITHOUT IMMIGRATION CHECKS, IN FRUSTRATION OVER WAY US OFFICIALS HANDLING IMMIGRATION, ACCORDING ONE OFFICIAL (WP).

UN AIDE SAYS FOOD SCARCE IN DA NANG, COMMUNISTS CALL FOR EXTENSIVE ASSISTANCE (WP; TELTSCH, NYT). PANIC STARTED IN VUNG TAU AMONG VIET CROWDS SEEKING PLACES ON JUNKS TO LEAVE SVN (AFP, NYT). SVN TEACHERS AND NUNS IN VC ZONES DEPICTED ON FRENCH TV ATTENDING COMPULSORY POLITICAL INSTRUCTION COURSES (CSM). POPE APPOINTS NEW BISHOP FOR COMMUNIST-HELD LONG XUYEN. MOVE INDICATES VATICAN FEELS LIFE RETURNING TO NORMAL IN VC-CONTROLLED AREA (AP, NYDN).

CSM'S SITOMER NOTES SECOND THOUGHTS STIR ABOUT RUSHED VIET ADOPTIONS. GLOBE'S NYHAN REPORTS DEMS ON SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE MOVED TO LIMIT LARGE-SCALE VIET EVACUATION BY ADMIN. WP'S MEYER SAYS ADMIN TAKES STEPS TOWARD PLANNING ARRIVAL OF VIET REFUGEES, BUT OFFICIALS INCREASINGLY PESSIMISTIC ABOUT BEING ABLE RESCUE LARGE NUMBERS.

RENEWED COMMUNIST ATTACKS THREATEN CUT VIENTIANE-LUANG PRABANG HWAY. DEFMIN SAYS PL TROOPS LEAD BY N VIETS ATTACK GOVT POSITIONS (UPI NYT, PHINQ, NYDN; (WP).

THOUSANDS OF KHMER CIVILIANS WHO HAD FLED INTO THAILAND REPORTEDLY RETURNING HOME AP NYDN, SUN). RTG ANNOUNCED WILL DELIVER TO NEW KHMER GOVT ALL MIL EQUIPMENT BROUGHT IN BY FLEEING SOLDIERS, INCLUDING VEHICLES, PLANES, UNCLASSIFIED

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BOATS (WP). NO DIRECT NEWS FROM PP FOR FIFTH DAY. PARIS SOURCES SAY NUMBER IMPORTANT GKR PERSONALITIES HAD LEFT FRENCH EMBASSY AND TURNED SELVES OVER TO

INSURGENTS (AP NYDN, SUN). RTG WANTS ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH INSURGENT GOVT IN PP, AWAITS WORD FROM THEM (AP, SUN). FATE OF FOREIGNERS IN PP STILL UNCLEAR. ABOUT 1000 BELIEVED STILL IN FRENCH EMBASSY (PHINQ).

2. JAPAN

STRONGEST POSTWAR EARTHQUAKE ROCKED SW JAPAN MONDAY. CAUSED EXTENSIVE PROPERTY DAMAGE, DISRUPTED RAIL, HIWAY TRAFFIC, INJURED EIGHT, ACCORDING POLICE (UPI, WP, CHITRIB; AP, NYT, PHINQ).

JOC (TOKYO) NOTES VEHICLE OUTPUT DROPPED 7 PERCENT JFY 74 ENDING MARCH 31, TO 6.5 MILLION UNITS, ACCORDING JAPAN AUTO MFRS ASSN. WSJ (TOKYO) CITES JAMA REPORT MARCH OUTPUT UP .3 PERCENT OVER SAME MONTH LAST YEAR.

JOC'S CULLISON SAYS SEAMEN'S UNION DECIDED STRIKE OCEAN-GOING VESSELS FRIDAY TO ENFORCE 46.7 PERCENT WAGE DEMAND; REJECTED EARLIER OFFER 12.7 PERCENT. STRIKE DURATION NOT CLEAR. SOURCE SAYS DOCK WORKERS SUPPORT SEAMEN, WILL REFUSE UNLOAD JAPANESE, FOREIGN FLAG CARRIERS DURING STRIKE.

SUN'S NORDLINGER REPORTS USG, AFTER YEARS NEGLECT, MOVING GINGERLY TRY HALT "CONTINUED RAPE OF OFFSHORE FISHERIES" BY MAMMOTH FOREIGN FLEETS, MOSTLY JAPANESE, RUSSIAN. CITES US OFFICIALS WARNING UNLESS STRINGENT CONSERVATION STEPS TAKEN IMMEDIATELY, ATLANTIC FISHERIES RESOURCES WILL BE "BEYOND REPAIR," ONCE PLENTIFUL ALASKAN STOCKS "WILL BE GONE."

3. PHILIPPINES

MARCOS MONDAY ANNOUNCED CONCESSIONS TO TRY END MOSLEM REBELLION, IN MANILA CEREMONY ATTENDED BY 140 MOSLEM LEADERS FROM 27 REBEL GROUPS (WP).

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MINDANAO GOV SAYS 40 PERCENT OF REBELS NOT REPRESENTED; THOUGHT MEMBERS OF MORO LIBERATION FRONT WHICH BOYCOTTING TALKS SINCE GOP REJECTED PROPOSAL FOR AUTONOMOUS MOSLEM STATE IN MINDANAO (NYT-MANILA).

NYT'S LELYVELD IN MANILA DESCRIBES MARCOS' FEUD WITH FORMER PATRON, MILLIONAIRE EUGENIO LOPEZ; SAYS LOPEZ FORCED RELINQUISH ASSETS WORTH MORE THAN 400 MILLION DOLS SINCE MARTIAL LAW DECLARED, INCLUDING MANILA CHRONICLE (USIA WIRELESS FILE).

4. MALAYSIA

GOM BORROWS 150 MILLION DOLS FOR FIVE YEARS FROM GROUP SIX BANKS LED BY CHEMICAL BANK, ACCORDING SPOKESMAN MONDAY. INTEREST RATE NOT DISCLOSED. FUNDS MARKED FOR INTERNAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (WSJ; JOC).

CSM (SINGAPORE) REVIEWS SIGNS OF GROWING POLITICAL, ECONOMIC TENSION IN MALAYSIA; COMMUNIST GUERRILLAS STEP UP ATTACKS ON GOM TROOPS IN NORTH; GOM MAKES CLEAR WILL NOT STAND FOR ANY MORE DEMONSTRATIONS; AND GOM TRYING COPE WITH INFLATION BY PROPOSING JOINT NATURAL RUBBER BUFFER STOCKPILE TO THAILAND, INDONESIA AS MEANS STABILIZE PRICE.

5. AUSTRALIA

GOA ANNOUNCES DECISION REDUCE TRADE WITH SOUTH AFRICA, CLOSES ONE OF TWO TRADE COMMISSIONS OFICES BUT QANTAS FLIGHTS CONTINUE (WP).

6. CHINA

SUN'S WU IN HK NOTES IMPORTANCE OF KIM IL-SUNG PEKING VISIT, FIRST SINCE 1961. TAKES FOR GRANTED KIM DISCUSSING STRATEGY WITH PRC LEADERS THAT COULD AFFECT ROK FATE. KIM SAID TO PRESENT KOREAN REUNIFICATION FORMULA SIMILAR THOSE OF VN COMMUNISTS, KHMER ROUGE.
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GREENWAY (WP 4/20) SAYS PRG FLAG NOW FLIES OVER SPRATLEYS, FOLLOWING NVN MOVE TO WREST FROM SVN HARDLY NOTICED IN OFFENSIVE LAST WEEK. NOTES PRC MAPS SHOW ISLANDS CHINESE.

GORDON WHITE (NYT) NOTES TWO LSU HIGH HURDLERS

WITHDRAW FROM US TRACK TEAM PRC VISIT MAY 12-30,
AS NCAA THREATENS DECLARE ANY NCAA ATHLETE WHO
GOES INELIGIBLE, ON BASIS RULE BANNING COMPETITION
WITH OUTSIDE TEAMS DURING INTERCOLLEGIATE SEASON
UNLESS RECOGNIZED NATIONAL TEAM. NCAA SPOKESMAN
IN KC CRITICIZES LACK OF FORESIGHT BY SPONSOR AAU,
BUT SAYS WOULD CONSIDER AAU APPLICATION APPROVE
STUDENT PARTICIPATION (AP, NYDN).

ELECTRONICS IND ASSN PLANS SEND 10-MAN GROUP PEKING
LATE JULY, AT PRC INVITATION, ACCORDING EIA SPOKESMAN;
EIA CHAIRMAN SOLOMON TO HEAD (JOC -WASHINGTON).

VM PUB HEALTH MEETS VISITING CANADIAN NURSES' DELEGATION
TUESDAY IN PEKING, ACCORDING NCNA (REUTER, WP).

CCK ORDERS AMNESTY FOR ALL PRISONERS IN TAIWAN, IN
HONOR CKS; INCLUDES 300 POLITICAL PRISONERS CONVICTED
OF SEDITION, TREASON (WP).

SEN FONG MONDAY PAID TRIBUTE TO CKS AS "DEFENDER OF
FREEDOM," STEADFAST US FRIEND; QUESTIONED WHETHER
WOULD HAVE BEEN KOREAN, VN, CAMBODIAN WARS IF US GAVE
CKS AID REBUILD CHINA AFTER WW II (AP, WP).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

7. INDOCHINA

NYDN PREDICTS THIEU'S RESIGNATION WILL MEAN "REDUCTION
OF ALL OF INDOCHINA TO RED VASSALAGE", AND "LEFT LIBERALS
WHO HARPED CONTINUOUSLY" ON "CORRUPTION AND REPRESSION"
OF HIS REGIME HAVE AIDED COMMUNISTS ENORMOUSLY. THIEU
NEVER MONSTROUS TYRANT DEPICTED BY DETRACTORS, AND COMPARED
WITH ORDEAL SVN MUST SOON ENDURE, HIS REIGN COULD SEEM
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MODEL OF GENTLE BENEVOLENCE.

CHITRIB FINDS THEIU'S EXIT NO CAUSE FOR GREAT SADNESS --
HE WAS AS MUCH PARTY TO DECEIVING AMERICAN PEOPLE AS
ANYONE. COMMUNISTS UNLIKELY TO NEGOTIATE EVEN NOW,
BUT FRANCE TO BE COMMENDED FOR TAKING INITIATIVE.

GLOBE SUGGESTS THAT WITH THIEU GONE, NO REASON WHY
EVACUATION OF AMERICANS FROM SVN SHOULD NOT PROCEED
AT FULL SPEED. CITING FORD PROPOSAL TO EVACUATE
200,000 VIETNAMESE, QUESTIONS WHETHER "WE REALLY OWE
THESE PEOPLE THAT MUCH." TOP PRIORITY ITEM "FOR OUR
NEW UN AMBASSADOR" MOYNIHAN SHOULD BE UN CORDINATION
OF VN'S MAJOR REBUILDING EFFORT.

PHINQ ARGUES THIEU, NOT US, "BETRAYED" SVN. HE NEVER HAD SUPPORT OF VIETNAMESE, WAS GUILTY AS OTHER SIDE IN SUBVERTING PARIS ACCORDS, AND ORDERED CENTRAL HIGHLANDS WITHDRAWAL THAT SAW ARVN FLEEING NOT FOR WANT OF EQUIPMENT, BUT FOR WANT OF FIGHTING WILL.

NYT CONTENDS VN SITUATION FAR MORE COMPLICATED THAN STRAIGHTFORWARD MIL CONQUEST OF ONE COUNTRY BY ANOTHER, SO TALKS TOWARD POLITICAL SETTLEMENT FOLLOWING THIEU'S RESIGNATION WILL NOT NECESSARILY BE EQUIVALENT OF NEGOTIATION BY VICTOR'S DIKTAT. IN SECOND EDIT, NYT DENOUNCES THIEU'S "NEAR-AUTOCRATIC RULE" OVER SVN PEOPLE (BOTH IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

SUN HOLDS THAT IF THIEU HAD ONLY STEPPED DOWN IN EARLIER TIMES, CIRCUMSTANCES, HIS PEOPLE MIGHT HAVE BEEN SPARED PARTICULAR AGONIES THEY'RE NOW SUFFERING. AMERICAN NATION THAT GAVE 50,000 LIVES, 150 BILLION DOLS TO PRESERVE SVN NEED NOT FRET OVER THIEU'S RECRIMINATIONS (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

CSM HAS LITTLE DOUBT THIEU'S MOVE WAS PRECIPITATED BY US PRESSURE. REITERATES CONVICTION US VN INVOLVEMENT WAS HONORABLE. US NEED NOW IS RESOLVING THAI, PHILS' DOUBTS, SHORING UP SEA STABILITY (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

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WP WELCOMES "MINIMAL AMERICAN PARTICIPATION" IN THIEU'S RESIGNATION. NOW SHOULD COME SVN COMPLIANCE WITH TWO PRG MAJOR DEMANDS TO INSURE REMOVAL SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER VIETNAMESE AT MINIMAL RISK (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

WICKER (NYT) SEES IN THIEU'S "EMOTIONAL SPEECH" CONFIRMATION THAT SAIGON, NOT HANOI, FIRST RENEGED ON ACCEPTING PARIS AGREEMENTS (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

NEIL SHEEHAN (WP) PROPOSES US TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIEU'S RESIGNATION BY SWIFTLY NEGOTIATING ARRANGEMENT ENDING MIL/ECON AID TO SVN AND FOSTERING CREATION OF COALITION GOVT IN EXCHANGE FOR GUARANTEED RIGHT TO EVACUATE THOSE VIETNAMESE IN GREATEST JEOPARDY IN COMMUNIST VN (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

SHANNON (NYT) COUNSELS ADMIN TO WORK WITH CONGRESS IN EVOLVING NEW BIPARTISAN FOREIGN POLICY, WITH RECOGNITION THAT POPULAR SUPPORT FOR OLD SEA POLICIES HAS VANISHED (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

CSM (4/18) SEES VN OPTIONS NARROWING RAPIDLY; BELIEVES MIL AID DEBATE ABSURD; GETTING AMCITS OUT OF SAIGON IS US TASK, BUT OTHER NATIONS CANNOT STAND IDLY BY AND

WATCH WHOLESALE SLAUGHTER, SO UN HAS JOB TO DO WHEN SVN'S TIME RUNS OUT.

HOLBROOKE (WP 4/20) FINDS NEW VN MYTH -- THAT THIEU'S FAILURE IS OUR FAILURE -- DANGEROUS, INACCURATE, DIVISIVE. PHILA BULLETIN (4/18) BELIEVES US NEEDS CANDID REAPPRAISAL OF INDOCHINA SITUATION, NOT ACCUSATIONS AND RUSH INTO DEFEATISM. DYER (SUN 4/20) IN LONDON SEES WAVE OF ISOLATIONISM SWEEPING US, BELIEVES BACKLASH IN 2-3 YEARS MAY COMMIT US AGAIN TO DANGEROUS POSITIONS WE CANNOT MAINTAIN, INCLUDING RASH, LAST-MINUTE COMMITMENTS TO COUNTRIES WITH

DETERIORATING SECURITY SITUATIONS. CONSIDERS THAILAND, YUGOSLAVIA LEADING CANDIDATES. CONGRESSIONAL QUARTERLY (CSM) SEES US FOREIGN POLICY FACING WORLDWIDE DIFFICULTIES BECAUSE OF RECENT FAILURES, SUCH AS UNCLASSIFIED

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INDOCHINA. REVIEWS RECENT ADMIN-CONGRESS CLASHES OVER BLAME FOR SVN EVENTS.

CSM'S STROUT REVIEWS 30 YEARS OF INDOCHINA WAR, WONDERS IF WW II WILL FINALLY END FOR SAIGON. LAT'S LESLIE (4/20) FINDS US GAINED NO HONOR IN CAMBODIA; SAYS US PUSHED GKR INTO WAR THAT WENT BADLY, THEN FLED WHEN SITUATION WENT TO PIECES. BELIEVES US DOESN'T DESERVE GRACE WITH WHICH MOST KHMERS REACTED TO FLIGHT. CONCLUDES WE LEARNED NOTHING FROM CAMBODIAN EXPERIENCE, INCLUDING WHAT WE DID THERE, WHY WE LOST.

MANCHESTER GUARDIAN'S ALLMAN (LAT 4/19) REVIEWS VN WAR, CONTINUING REFUGEE PROBLEM; BELIEVES MASSIVE EVACUATION MAY BE MORE SELF-DECEPTION ABOUT WHAT IS BEST FOR VIETS. PROF ALLEN (U MASS) WRITES NYT THAT SHOULD BE NO HESITATION IN EFFORTS BRING OUT, RESETTLE PERHAPS HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF VIETS. SUGGESTS AMCITS LEAVE SVN, THEN USG ASK FRANCE, SWEDEN SECURE PLEDGES FROM PRG, HANOI FOR DECENT TREATMENT FOR SVN POLITICAL OPPOSITION, REFUGEES.

ATTWOOD (LAT 4/20) BELIEVES TOO BAD PRES REITERATES RITUALISTIC PHRASES ABOUT INDOCHINA WHEN TALKING TO PRESS INSTEAD OF USING OPPORTUNITY ENLIGHTEN US ON REALITIES OF OUR INVOLVEMENT, SUDDEN DEBACLE.

8. CHINA

WSTAR (4/20) STATES ONE MAY FORGIVE TAIWANESE SENSITIVITY TO ROCKEFELLER FAILURE MENTION MST, US-ROC COOPERATION, OR US CONFIDENCE IN NEW GRC LEADERSHIP DURING VISIT LAST WEEK. BUT READS NO GREAT SIGNIFICANCE INTO VP'S

"RHETORICAL LAPSES" SINCE DIFFICULT SEE WHAT US INTERESTS SERVED BY BASIC SWITCH IN POLICY AT THIS POINT -- NO WESTERN NATION HAS BENEFITED MUCH FROM OPTING FOR PEKING, AND WOULD HARDLY SUIT ADMIN INTERESTS TO DENOUNCE MAJOR SECURITY TREATY IN FAR EAST WHEN MANY TRADITIONAL ALLIES BETRAY "CERTAIN NERVOUSNESS" OVER US FIDELITY TO COMMITMENTS STANLEY CHENG, CHINESE INFO SVC DIRECTOR, LOS ANGELES (IN LETTER TO LAT 4/19) TAKES ISSUE WITH EDITORIAL UNCLASSIFIED

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ASSESSMENT CKS LOST CHINA DUE INCOMPETENCE, INEPTITUDE, CORRUPTION. STATES CKS NEVER FREE FROM FOREIGN PRESSURE, COMMUNIST INSURRECTION TO UNIFY CHINA; BUT AFTER MOVED TO TAIWAN 1949, TURNED WAR-TORN ISLAND

INTO ONE OF MOST PROGRESSIVE, DEMOCRATIC, PROSPEROUS SOCIETIES IN WORLD TODAY.

9. PHILIPPINES

WP DECLARES MARCOS DRAWS "EXACTLY THE RIGHT LESSON" FROM VN, AND AMERICANS OUGHT COMMEND HIS PLAIN SPEAKING, CLEAR VISION, AND JOIN FORTHRIGHTLY IN POLICY REVIEW HE SEEKS. OBSERVES CLARK, SUBIC LOST LARGE PART OF TRADITIONAL JUSTIFICATION WITH US OPENING TO PEKING, AND ANOTHER WITH END OF US INVOLVEMENT IN INDOCHINA. US COMMITMENTS TO JAPAN, KOREA, AUSTRALIA, NZ REMAIN IN EFFECT; BUT NOTES QUESTION MUST BE ASKED IF CANNOT BE MAINTAINED IN STRATEGIC ASPECT BY SUBMARINES, OR FORCES BASED, SAY, AT GUAM. SUGGESTS US SHOULD NOT TRY HOLD DIMINISHED OLD IMPERIAL RAMPARTS IN DISCREET FORM IN REVIEW SOUGHT BY MARCOS SINCE TEST FOR US POST-VN POLICY NOT WHETHER WE LIVE UP TO LETTER OF EACH PAST COMMITMENT, BUT WHETHER WE CAN ADJUST TO CHANGE.

10. KOREA

BETTY BEALE (WSTAR 4/20) WRITES MANY REJECT INNUENDO ABOUT TONGSON PARK, TRIGGERED BY JAMES HOWE SUICIDE. (WIDOW RESIGNED AS FIRST LADY'S AIDE LAST WEEK.) QUOTES REP TIP O'NEILL SAYING PARK "NEVER ASKED ME FOR A SINGLE THING"; REP BRADEMUS, "HE DOESN'T TALK BUSINESS WITH ME"; AND PRES' CONGRESSIONAL AIDE FRIEDERSDORF, "HE HAS NEVER ASKED ME FOR ANYTHING."

QUOTES PARK SAYING THAT "SOME PEOPLE ENJOY MAKING OTHER PEOPLE HAPPY. I LIKE TO ENTERTAIN"; DENIES HE LOBBIES FOR ROK, OR FAMILY INTERESTS IN RICE, OIL, SHIPPING.

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11. GENERAL

RICHARD BARNET (LAT 4/20) ATTRIBUTES FOREIGN POLICY FAILURES UNDER HAK TO OBSOLETE ANALYSIS, STYLE, GOALS.

FINDS HAK BROUGHT US POLICY INTO CLOSER ALIGNMENT WITH REAL WORLD, BY RECOGNIZING SOVIET REVOLUTION OF 1917, AND CHINESE REVOLUTION OF 1949; BUT, IRONICALLY, MAINTAINED 19TH CENTURY WORLD VIEW BASED ON ASSUMPTION PRINCES, POTENTATES CAN DELIVER THEIR SUBJECTS TO FULFILL SECRET AGREEMENTS. FEARS, ALSO, HAK STYLE

OF THREATS, FLATTERY DOES NOT EMBODY AMERICAN WILL. BELIEVES HAK SQUANDERED TRUST AS PRICE HIS DIPLOMACY, AND COULD PUT UP WITH DEMOCRATIC DEBATE NO BETTER THAN 19TH CENTURY MODEL METTERNICH. CONCLUDES ONLY HOPE OF US SECURITY NOW IS DISARMAMENT, AND WORLD IN WHICH ALL HAVE STAKE IN PEACE -- BUT UNLIKE HAK, MODEL WILL HAVE TO BE BASED ON JUSTICE. KISSINGER

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